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RE: PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUMMARY  
APP #: 10/816,872  
DATE: JULY 9, 2004

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please accept this memo as a summary of my requested preliminary amendment, which is enclosed.

The requested amendments to application #10/816,872 are summarized herein, and are shown in the attached document. Paragraph numbers have been added for clarification purposes.

All deleted wording in the amended document is in [brackets]. All added wording in the amended document is underlined.

ALTHOUGH WORDING HAS BEEN MODIFIED, NO NEW MATERIAL HAS BEEN PRESENTED IN THIS AMENDMENT.

Page	Paragraph	Action	Description
13	0048	Add	Said display screen (27) retrieves and displays the weight and other data from the electronic circuitry
14	0050	Delete	Another button (45) may
14	0050	Add	or
14	0050	Delete	or container
14	0051	Add	directly or indirectly
14	0051	Delete	multi-conductor
14	0051	Add	or when activated by a switch (45)
14	0051	Add	or when re-activated by a switch (45) located on the panel (40) of the luggage device (10).
16	0058	Add	Should any provision of this patent be void or unenforceable for any reason, such provision shall be deemed omitted and this patent with such provision omitted shall remain in full force and effect